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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 OAKLAND DIVISION

US RIGHT TO KNOW,)	No. 4:22-cv-04359-KAW
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Plaintiff,)	JOINT STATUS REPORT
)	
v.)	
)	
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF)	
STATE,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

Plaintiff US Right to Know (“Plaintiff”) and defendant United States Department of State (“Defendant” or “State Department”), by and through their undersigned counsel, respectfully submit this joint status report pursuant to this Court’s Joint Status Report Order dated August 15, 2023, which ordered the parties to file a joint status report by September 1, 2023 and every 180 days thereafter to keep the Court informed of their progress in processing records as set forth in the parties’ stipulation regarding case management and FOIA record production (“Stipulation”), dated January 27, 2023. ECF No. 24. The parties filed their first joint status report on August 31, 2023, their second status report on February 27, 2024, their third status report on August 6, 2024, and their fourth status report on February 24, 2025. ECF Nos. 25, 26, 27, 29.

As noted in the parties’ joint status reports, prior to the Stipulation, the State Department made

two releases of responsive, non-exempt records to Plaintiff. *See* ECF No. 21 at 1–2. The State Department processed records at a rate of 450 pages every 6 weeks in connection with its first release on October 28, 2022, and at a rate of 500 pages every 6 weeks for its second release on December 9, 2022. *Id.*

Pursuant to the Stipulation, the State Department increased its processing rate to 700 pages per month, with releases of responsive, non-exempt records by the end of each month, starting on February 28, 2023. *Id.* at 2. Since the date of the Stipulation, the State Department has processed records in accordance with the stipulation and released responsive, non-exempt records to Plaintiff on January 23, March 1, March 31, April 28, May 30, June 30, July 31, August 31, September 29, October 31, November 30, and December 29, 2023, and January 31, February 29, March 29, April 30, May 31, June 28, July 31, August 30, September 30, October 31, November 29, and December 31, 2024, and January 31, February 28, March 31, April 30, May 30, July 1, and July 31, 2025. The Department is currently awaiting the return of material sent to external agencies for consultation and has otherwise completed its processing. The Department will promptly process the remaining records once they are returned and release any nonexempt portions. Accordingly, the parties will respectfully submit their next joint status report to this Court with an update on their progress in 180 days, as ordered, i.e., on or before February 23, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

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